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Dear Ali:

A participant of the forum, Mirror of Truth, in another threat answered your argument. You were urging me to join you in using hadith as a reliable evidence to incriminate Muhammad. I am quoting his answer, since I agree with all of it and it will save me time. I will answer some of other arguments of yours after this excerpt from Mirror of Truth, whose answer is distinguished with five asterisks:

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I'm writing my first post regarding the actual debate and I note that some classic AS double talk is beginning to creep into the flow of debate.

On the one hand - AS bluffs his hand by stating:

Quote:
"On the contrary! I will show that the Quran is full of errors and absurdities and it can't be a book of revelation unless the revealer was Satan. The reason I w ant to clarify the question of hadith is to demonstrate the fallacy of the position of those who totally deny them. Once that is established I will have no need for hadith."

Well he launches into an awful lot of pre-amble if he has no need for hadith. Edip has made it explicit that he does not need nor has any desire to discuss the hadith.

During this pre-amble AS lists two possibilities as the motives for the fabrications which I accept. These are namely:

1. Glorification of an idolized leader. This would explain hadiths for example that report that Muhammad's manliness was equivalent to 30 men or whatever number it was. In trying to make their hero macho they do not realize the absurdity they create - and the inadvertent slander they commit.

2. The fabrications of enemies whether they be hypocrite 'believers'/converts or or open enemies. This explains a great many hadiths that are covert digs at Muhammad. An example is the cherished hadith of the 'miraj' where Moses acts as the wiser guide to Muhammad's alleged negotiations with God. Obviously this is the fabrication of a Jewish convert who asserts the superiority of Moses' bargaining/knowledgeability.

What Ali Sina discounts and does not mention at all is that there is another group of hadiths that were introduced (or supported) in the folklore in order to support the actions of corrupt leaders. If corrupt leaders/mullahs could justify their pedophilia or desires to rape and pillage by introducing or supporting such hadiths then having the absolute power there would be little reason for them to reject such hadith. Thus the hadith that obviously makes Muhammad look evil/wicked/stupid etc. become canonized because it meets the secondary need of the corrupt leaders.

Thus there are motives for these hadith that AS has completely ignored.

> The sum of it is that whatever the motive for ahadith - none are required for the purposes of following God's system - not one.
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> AS has stated he has no requirement for them. None of us are shocked and the position to go on sans ahadith is very tenable. They are fabrications. The absurdity they contain is enough to convince the free-thinker of that. I would advise that AS lets go of his love for the hadith that I'm sure rivals the mullahs in order to make a real contribution to the debate. Let's move on from the nonsense of ahadith and see what arguments he has left now.
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Dear Edip,

You and your friend Mirror of Truth should practice patience. We will soon come to the Quran.

Mirror the truth says I did not mention the hadiths that were fabricated to support the actions of corrupt leaders. This hypothesis is very unlikely. I find it quite implausible that leaders get together and pay the scholars who had dedicated their lives to the preservation of what they thought to be the divine guidance to write that Muhammad married a 6 year old child and consummated his marriage three years later just because they lusted after 9 year old girls and wanted an excuse. As Ayatollah Montazeri wrote to me, **it is against human nature to have sexual feelings for children.** I totally agree with him. However Muhammad was a sick man and not a normal human. I doubt we have many “corrupt leaders” who had filled their harem with 9 year old children. Normal people find sex with children abhorrent and disgusting. If these rulers were normal they most likely were not attracted to children. Pedophilia is not a vice that everyone can do. It is not in human nature.

However, drinking is something many like. The so called “corrupt rulers” drank as many of them still do. If that argument had any value, it would have been more likely for these rulers to fabricate hadiths licensing drinking than hadiths that legitimize pedophilia.

These are all excuses of desperate believers who can't stand facing the truth and can't let go. They rather accept any absurdity than facing the truth. The perceived solid ground on which they were standing is gone, they are falling and drowning and desperately try to grab at anything to restore their faith. Muslims would do all mental gymnastics to avoid accepting the truth. But they only fool themselves. Facts speak loudly and they are stubborn.

I want to elaborate little bit more about motivation in fabrication of hadiths. Ali Sina is treating hadith sources in a simplistic way. I recommend him to read Mahmud Abu Rayya's book Adwa ' 'ala al-Sunna al-Muhammadiya (Cairo: 1377/1958). It is one of the best criticism of history of hadith collection and procedures. The book allocates 60 pages to motives for fabricating hadith and documents many of them. People fabricated hadith to even advertise the dates of a particular town, such as, Ajwa. They fabricated hadiths to promote submission to the rule Kings. They fabricated hadith to justify the massacres and tortures of Umayyad or Abbasid kings…. Ali Sina ignores all these motives and wants us to believe that any hadith depicting Muhammad as a violent person must be accepted without question! One of his suggested criteria for accepting hadith is if "It is consistent with the character of Muhammad" found in his hostile imagination or in other dubious hadith books! Accepting this offer is more difficult than to swallow the prophecies of his favorite psychics.

I do not deny that most of the hadiths are fabricated and of course they have been fabricated for one motive or another. However the fact that many hadiths are fabricated does not invalidate the correct ones. As I said it is not difficult to separate truth from falsehood, especially if we see consistency in those hadiths and confirmation in he Quran.